

# CITY of BEAVERTON

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## **“IF I WERE MAYOR...” CONTEST WINNERS ANNOUNCED**

**Beaverton, Oregon (June 26, 2009)** – Mayor Denny Doyle announced the winners of Beaverton’s “If I Were Mayor...” contest were during the Beaverton City Council meeting on Monday, June 22. The City of Beaverton participated in the Oregon Mayor’s Association for the first time this year. The winner in each category received a gift card worth \$50. Students from fourth grade through college were encouraged to enter the contest and there were three ways to win:

- poster contest for 4th through 6th grade students;
- essay contest for junior high or middle school students;
- and a video contest for high school and college students.

“Congratulations to these winners, the other students who submitted entries and the teachers and parents who encourage civic engagement in our young people,” said Mayor Doyle. “If these students do indeed become our future leaders, our future will be bright.”

Mayor Denny Doyle and the Beaverton City Council judged the entries based on the criteria outlined by the Oregon Mayor’s Association. Judges considered:

- **Creativity:** does the student demonstrate curiosity and originality?
- **Clarity/sincerity of thought:** is the submission well thought out and organized?
- **Proper use of grammar:** does the submission contain proper spelling, grammar and punctuation?
- **Subject relevancy:** Are the major points relevant to the role of a government leader? Does the student demonstrate an understanding of municipal government and the job of Mayor?

The top winner in each category will go on to compete in the statewide competition for a laptop computer.

### **Poster Contest Winner: Kailen Snow**

Kailen Snow is the poster contest winner. Kailen just completed the 5<sup>th</sup> grade and is homeschooled by her mom, Stephanie Snow. Kailen’s poster portrayed increased service activities for community members and the tremendous value these activities have in our community.

### **Essay Contest Winner: Meridith Greer**

Meridith Greer is the essay contest winner. Meridith just completed the 7<sup>th</sup> grade at Conestoga Middle School. Meridith’s essay included extending the library hours, raising money for the city through bake sales, and creating jobs for the unemployed through community service projects.

### **Video Contest Winner: Eric Ruiz**

Eric Ruiz is the video contest winner. Eric just completed the eleventh grade at Beaverton High School. Eric’s video had a strong anti-gang and graffiti message. He focused on cleaning up graffiti in our city to prevent gang activities and criminal behavior.

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